Safe custody of negatives of Identity card photos

1616. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Pioneer' of February 4, 1995 under the caption, "I-Cards that say, 'Hi sweety";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the comments like 'I love you' and 'Hi Sweety"; were found on I-cards of many pretty women; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government and Election commission have taken for the safe custody of photographs together with their negatives, of women and girls from being exploited or musused by the unscrupulous persons particularly of private firms and Government agencies which have been entrusted with the job of preparation of Identity Cards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The report states that love messages were found on identity cards of about five hundred women voters in Orissa.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Office of the Registrar of Companies in Andhra Pradesh

1617. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the functioning of Office of Registrat of Companies in Andhra Pradesh:

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued and time limits fixed for clearance of applications filed with Registrar of Companies; and

(d) if not, in what manner Government propose to deal with the problem of delays inflicted on entrepreneurs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The working of offices of Registrars of Companies is monitored by the Government on the basis of periodical reports received through concerned Regional Directors as well as on the basis of inspections carried out by senior officers.

(c) and (d) The Department of Company Affairs constituted a Review Committee to study the working of offices of Registrar of Companies with a view to streamline their working and to suggest changes for simplification of procedure involved in dealing with documents filed by companies. The Committee has made a number of recommendations, *inter alia* for expediting the availability of names, registration of documents, standardisation of additional fee etc. The Committee has also suggested to take prospectus on record preferably on the date of filling or by next working day. Similary, applications under section 108(ID) of the Companies Act, 1956 for revalidation of transfer deed and applications for registration of charges are to be disposed of on the same day across the table. Administrative instructions, in this regard, have been issued to all Registrars of Companies on 16th February, 1995 for implementing these recommendations and in the meantime rules are being amended, where necessary, to give effect to these recommendations.

Indication of Cost of Production in Companies Accounts

1618. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Companies Act has laid down that the production of various items and the cost thereof is to be indi-

cated while furnishing their statement of accounts; if so, which competent authority reviews the correctness of costing;

(b) whether the Co-operative Sector is also covered under the Companies Act including the co-operative sugar factories; and

(c) if so, whether the sugar factories are indicating the costing of the sugar manufactured by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Central Government is empowered under Section 209(1)(d) of the Companies Act, 1956 to direct a company pertaining to any class of companies engaged in production, processing, manufacturing or mining activities for maintenance of proper books of accounts relating to utilisation of material or labour or to other items of cost as may be prescribed. Under this Section, the Central Government has so far prescribed forty Cost Accounting Records Rules covering 79 products including sugar. These books of accounts are subject to audit under Section 233B of the Companies Act, 1956 by a Cost Accountant as defined in the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959 who certifies for their correctness. These provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 are applicable to companies registered under the said Act only and do not apply to Co-operative Sector.

Marriage-related cases in Delhi courts

1619. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of marriage-related cases in Delhi courts has shown a sharp rise in recent years;

(b) if so, what are the causes thereof; and

(c) whether Government have set up counselling centres in accessible areas so that such cases can be resolved through negotiations and reconciliation rather than end in break-down of the marriages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Registry of Delhi High Court has informed that there is a slight increase in the number of marriage related cases in Delhi Courts in recent years.

(b) The increase in institution of marriage related cases is due to various factors including increase in the population of Delhi.

(c) Section 5 of the Family Courts Act, 1984 provides for Association of Social Welfare agencies etc., for resolving the marriage related cases through reconciliation and Section 6 of the Act provides for determination of the number and categories of counsellors etc. to assist a Family Court by the State Governments in consultation with their respective High Courts.

Central Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

1620. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons are nominated by the Central Government to the Central Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India;

(b) how many of them are officials and non-officials;

(c) what is the criterion adopted for the appointments of non-official members; and

(d) whether Government would consider to nominate non-Chartered Accountants, who are users of the serivces of Chartered Accountants as non-official members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Section 9(2)(b) of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 stipulates that six persons will be